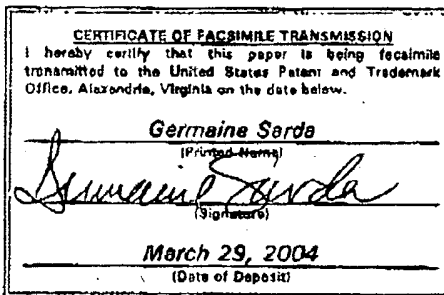


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Applicant: Hein et al.  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)****a. Enclosed are:**

- ☒ Amendment/Reply (8 pages).  
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